(c) to what extent this has improved industrial production and employment generation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) 5252 proposals involving foreign direct investment of Rs. 86329.05 Crores have been approved during the period from 1.08.91 to 30.09.96. State-wise and Sector-wise break-up of these proposals are attached at Annex. 20 [*See Appendix* 129, Annexure No 20]

(c) The Policy initiatives are intended to promote modernisation and technology upgradation, productivity, efficiency and to bring about reduction in costs with a view to boost industrial production.

Data on employment generation with specific linkage to foreign direct investment is not centrally maintained. It is obvious that when the foreign investment is made in the industry, it would result in generation of employment opportunities.

Elimination of Child Labour from SAARC Region

997. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three day conference of SAARC was held in Rawalpindi (Pakistan); and

(b) if so, the details regarding the countries participated and the decisions taken to eliminate the evil of child labour from the region?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A three day SAARC Ministerial Conference on Children of South Asia was held in Rawalpindi, Pakistan from 20-22 August, 1996. The Conference was attended by all the member countries of SAARC namely India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Maldives, Srilanka, Bhutan and Nepal. The member countries agreed and resolved in the Conference that child labour, bonded or otherwise, working in hazardous occupations should be eliminated by the year 2000.

Foreign investment proposals

998. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals from foreign countries for setting up of industries in India have been received during the last six months;

(b) if so, the number of such proposals;

(c) the number and names of foreign investors who are willing to make investment in India and whose proposals have either been approved or are under consideration;

(d) whether any survey for generation of employment was conducted by the concerned countries or by India; and

(e) if so, the details of such a survey?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) During the last six months i.e. as on 30.09.1996, 779 proposals have been approved and 34 proposals were pending.

The details of the approved proposals viz., Name of the Indian Co., Name & Country of the foreign collaborator, item of manufacturing/activity and equity participation, if any, are published by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to the Monthly Newsletter and copies of these are regularly supplied to the Parliament Library.

(d) and (e) Data on employment generation with specific linkage to foreign direct investment is not centrally maintained.

Compensation to the erstwhile residents of East-Pakistan

999. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total compensation due to the erstwhile residents of East Pakistan under the Custodian of Enemy Property Act; and

(b) the amount paid till now and by when the remaining amount is likely to be paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) No compensation has been or is being paid to the erstwhile residents of East Pakistan (Now Bangladesh) by the Custodian of Enemy Property.

(b) Does not arise.